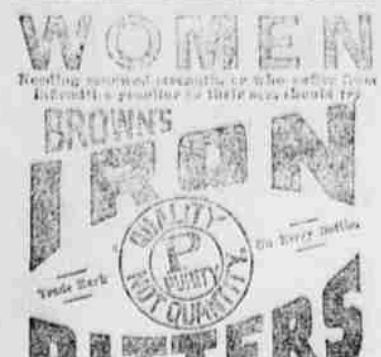


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The President is remarkably simple in his habits. Nearly every evening shortly after 6 o'clock, says a special to the *Philadelphia News*, the President takes a ride in a lumber wagon, accompanied generally by Colonel Lamon. The route is frequently up K street and Vermont avenue towards the Spokes Home; the return is usually after dark. Albert Hawkins, the colored coachman, who has been an attaché of the White House stables for twenty years, is always the driver, and takes great pride in his position. Mrs. Hill, the colored cook at the Executive Mansion, says that the President is an exact replica of his son, and she adds: "He is old, but he is a good picture, but something that sounded like 'Frank French dishes' are an abomination to the President, but good fried potatoes, bacon, bread and coffee and plenty of them, are what he likes. The President is a hearty eater and is becoming a little annoyed at his increasing weight, which is now 235 pounds, ten pounds more than Secretary Manton. A physician recommended to him a diet of an appropriation of \$30,000 to Morse to build a line, and it is stated that shortly after it was completed a Congressman came to the office here with a bundle of dirty shirts under his arm and wanted them sent immediately to Baltimore to be washed and returned. At this time Louis McLane, who had been Minister to England, Secretary of State, and Secretary of War, and president of the H. & R. Railroad Company, was due to him largely that the line was gotten through, and I see that the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company are now dating their origin back to this time, and thus claiming themselves to be the first telegraph company in the world. Morse first thought of laying the lines under ground, but this was found impractical, so it was completed the 11th of May, 1844, about forty-one years ago, and the first words were sent. They were: 'What hath God wrought?' They came through all right. The office here was then in the Supreme Court Chamber, and Benj. Perley Poore, who was present, says that great crowd was gathered at the Capitol. Mrs. Dolly Madison was among those present, and the President, who had been ill, was unable to go to the next message. She wrote one to the White House, and it was sent. The telegraph was now a success, but the people did not have much faith in it. Morse believed the President should try equine exercise, although he himself has given it up.

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